

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 1, 2005, the Examiner noted that claims 1-3 and 13-15 were pending, that claims 13-15 and 18-25 have been withdrawn from consideration, and rejected claims 1-3, 16, 17, and 26-35. Claims 1, 2 and 31 have been amended, new claim 36 have been added and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-3, 16, 17, and 26-36 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

In the Action the Examiner rejected all claims over Redpath with alleged admitted prior art or Redpath with alleged admitted prior and DeSimone.

The present invention is directed to a situation where two independent chat networks, provided by corresponding chat service providers, with corresponding servers have their messages displayed by a client. Because the networks (and thus the service providers) are independent, permission is requested and received for the messages to be displayed by the client. This allows a path to be automatically extended from the chat systems to the display (See appl. page 2, line 33 - page 3, line 3, page 8, lines 1-9, page 9, lines 11-16, and figure 1, ref. # 21.)

Redpath is directed to a chat environment where, as acknowledged by the Examiner (see action page 9), chat from two networks are not obtained.

DeSimone, as acknowledged by the Examiner (see action page 13), is limited to situations where session users designate recipients of messages and users can carry on chat with plural other users over the chat network via this recipient designation capability.

The alleged admitted prior art, as acknowledged by the Examiner (see action page 9), is also limited to a system where users can have concurrent chats.

None of the prior art teaches or suggest requesting cooperation from the chat networks so that display of messages from multiple networks can be facilitated.

It is submitted that the invention of independent claims 1, 2 and 31 distinguishes over the prior art and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

New claim 36 emphasizes the automatic extension of the a display path for messages of the chat networks based on a request for cooperation. Nothing in the prior art teaches or suggests such. It is submitted that the new claim, which is different and not narrower than prior filed claims, distinguishes over the prior art.

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It is submitted that the pending for examination claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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